AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended)   An   information   providing   device   for   providing

information on an exercise~~which possibly is to be overcome by a user~~ pertaining to a

particular examination a user is preparing to pass, from among a plurality of exercises each

pertaining to one or more specific examinations requiring the user to deal with characters

individually within a time predetermined, comprising:

a storage means for storing data on the number of characters which is required in each of

said exercises based on the characteristics of the specific examination pertaining to each of said

exercises;

a measuring means for measuring a predetermined ability of the user to deal with

characters by measuring the user's speed of recording specific predetermined sentences;

a retrieval means for retrieving data in the storage means which can be dealt with by

the predetermined ability of the user measured by said measuring means within a

predetermined time, wherein the data retrieved is correspondingly different based on the

predetermined ability of the user, wherein different data is retrieved for different measured

abilities; and

an output means for outputting information on the exercise corresponding to the data

retrieved by said retrieval means.

2. (Original)   The information providing device according to claim 1, wherein said

output means is a display means.

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3. (Previously Presented)   The information providing device according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined ability is an ability to read characters.

4. (Previously Presented)   The information providing device according to claim 1, wherein said exercise is an examination held within a an examination time.

5. (Previously Presented)   The information providing device according to claim 1, wherein said exercise is a preparation course for an examination which is to be held no later than an examination date.

6. (Previously Presented)   The information providing device according to claim 3, wherein said exercise is a book lent by a library having a returning time.

7. (Previously Presented)   The information providing device according to claim 1, further comprising a training means for training the user to deal with characters:

wherein said measuring means measures said predetermined ability of the user to deal with characters after the training by said training means;

wherein said retrieval means retrieves data which can be dealt with by the basic ability after the training measured by said measuring means within said predetermined time from among the data stored in said storage means; and

wherein said output means outputs information on the exercise corresponding to said data retrieved after the training.

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8. (Currently Amended)   An information providing system comprising:

an information communication network;

an information providing device for providing information on an exercise ~~which possibly is to be overcome by a user~~ pertaining to a particular examination a user is preparing to pass, from among a plurality of exercises each pertaining to one or more specific examinations requiring the user to deal with characters individually within a time predetermined, said information providing device being connected to said information communication network; and

a terminal connected to said information network for outputting said information on the exercise;

wherein said information providing device includes:

a storage means for storing data on the number of characters which is required in each of said exercises based on the characteristics of the specific examination pertaining to each of said exercises;

a measuring means for measuring a predetermined ability of the user to deal with characters by measuring the user's speed of recording specific predetermined sentences;

a retrieval means for retrieving the data which can be dealt with by the ability of the user measured by said measuring means within said predetermined time, from among the data stored in said storage means, wherein the data retrieved is correspondingly different based on the measured ability of the user, wherein different data is retrieved for different measured abilities; and

an output means for outputting information on the exercise corresponding to the data

retrieved by said retrieval means.

9. (Original)   The information providing system according to claim 8, wherein said

output means is a display means.

10. (Previously Presented)   The information providing system according to claim 8,

wherein said ability is an ability to read characters.

11. (Previously Presented)   The information providing system according to claim 8,

wherein said exercise is an examination held within a an examination time.

12. (Previously Presented)   The information providing system according to claim 8,

wherein said exercise is a preparation course for an examination which is to be held no later

than an examination date.

13. (Previously Presented)   The information providing device according to claim 10,

wherein said exercise is a book lent by a library having a returning time.

14. (Previously Presented)   The information providing system according to claim 8,

wherein said information providing device further comprises a training means for training

the user to deal with characters:

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wherein said measuring means measures said predetermined ability of the user to deal

with characters after training by said training means;

wherein said retrieval means retrieves data which can be dealt with by the user after

the training measured by said measuring means within said predetermined time from among

the data stored in said storage means; and

wherein said output means outputs information on the exercise corresponding to said

data retrieved after the training.

15. (Currently Amended)   An   information   providing   method   for   providing

information on an exercise which is to be possibly overcome by a user pertaining to a

particular examination a user is preparing to pass, from among a plurality of exercises each

pertaining to one or more specific examinations requiring the user to deal with characters

individually within a predetermined time, comprising the steps of:

storing data on the number of characters which is required in each of said exercises

based on the characteristics of the specific examination pertaining to each of said exercises;

measuring a predetermined ability of the user to deal with characters by measuring

the user's speed of recording specific predetermined sentences;

retrieving the data which can be dealt with by said measured ability of the user within

a predetermined time, from among said stored data wherein the data retrieved is

correspondingly different based on the measured ability of the user, wherein different data

is retrieved for different measured abilities;

outputting information on the exercise corresponding to said retrieved data.

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16. (Previously Presented)   The information providing method according to claim

15, further comprising the steps of:

training said user to deal with characters;

measuring the ability of the user to deal with characters measured after said training;

retrieving the data which can be dealt with by said ability of the user within

predetermined time, from among said stored data; and

outputting information on the exercise corresponding to said retrieved data.